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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Ronald E. Powell, President of Local 881 of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) retired on December 1, 2018 after 57 and a half years of dedicated service to the working men and women in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald E. Powell honorably served his country in the United States Army and studied at Northern Illinois University before starting his career at the Jewel Tea Company in DeKalb, where he led the first recognition strike against the company; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald E. Powell then joined the staff of Local 881, formerly the United Retail Workers Union, Independent, and served the union as a Field Representative, Director of Field Operations, Vice President of the Executive Board, and Secretary-Treasurer; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald E. Powell was elected to the office of President in 1983 and, to date, has been the longest-serving Constitutional Officer of Local 881; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald E. Powell was elected as a Vice President of the Illinois AFL-CIO Executive Board in 1986, serving as a leading voice in its governance under five Illinois AFL-CIO

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1 Presidents; and

2 WHEREAS, Ronald E. Powell has dedicated his career to the
3 rights of union members and workers throughout Illinois and
4 Northwest Indiana and, under his steadfast leadership, has
5 helped countless workers find their voice on the job; and

6 WHEREAS, Ronald E. Powell also served his community as a
7 Village of Mundelein Trustee and, through his philanthropic
8 endeavors, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the
9 Better Boys Foundation, the United Way, and the Leukemia and
10 Lymphoma Society; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Ronald E. Powell on his retirement as President
14 of Local 881 UFCW, and we wish him all the best in all his
15 future endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Ronald E. Powell as an expression of our respect
18 and esteem.